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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Runge et al.

Serial No.: 09/832,069

Filed: April 10, 2001

For: Mitochondrial DNA Damage as a Predictor

of Coronary Atherosclerotic Heart Disease

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: Goldberg, Jeanine Anne

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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was December 26, 2005.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to January 26, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/CLFR:183US.

A Listing of Claims is provided at page 2 of this paper; Remarks begin at page 5.